

(SJSRY) in urban areas, Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) and Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY). The SGSY covers all aspects of self-employment, viz. organization of rural poor into self-help groups and their capacity building, planning of activity clusters, infrastructure build up, technology, credit and marketing. In urban areas SJSRY seeks to provide gainful employment to urban unemployed or underemployed poor by encouraging the setting up of self-employment ventures or provision of wage employment. Under the margin money scheme of REGP proposals are submitted by entrepreneurs to various banks/financial institutions for setting up village industry units. The PMRY aims to provide employment/self-employment to educated unemployed youths. For the North Eastern Region the scheme has been recently (1998-99) revised by raising the age limit to 40 years, income limit upto Rs. 40000 per annum and by covering all viable activities. Targets for self-employment in Arunachal Pradesh were fixed only for Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana. These are given below:

Year	Target beneficiaries
1999-2000	500
2000-2001	250 (tentative)

These programmes are continuously monitored and evaluated to increase their efficacy in providing employment.

Number of posts of Hindi Translators

2981. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts of Hindi Translators/Hindi Officers/ Assistants created in the Ministry and allied PSUs/Attached and Subordinate offices for propagation of Hindi as official language and encouragement of Hindi Correspondences;

(b) the number of such posts lying vacant and since when; and

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(c) the reasons therefor and the steps taken to fill up such posts urgently?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) In November, 2000, the erstwhile Ministry of Surface Transport was bifurcated to create two new Ministries, namely, Ministry of Road Transport & Highways and Ministry of Shipping. The process of bifurcation is still on as some of the administrative units are still working as common Units for both the Ministries. As such, no separate post of Hindi Translators/Hindi Officers/Assistants has been so far created in the newly formed Ministry of Road Transport & Highways.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Conversion of State Highways into NHs in Karnataka

2982. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Karnataka Government has recommended conversion of Kumta-Sirsi-Mundgod-Bubli and Londa-Ramnagar-Sadashivgad State Highways into National Highways; and

(b) if so, the action, if any, taken by Government to convert the above Highways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.